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## **VOLUSIA COUNTY FIREARMS DEALER PLEADS GUILTY, SURRENDERS FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE**

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced that Charles Andrew Love, a 76 year-old resident of Deltona, Florida, pleaded guilty to an information charging him with failure of a federally licensed firearms dealer to keep proper records of sale. The maximum penalty Love faces is five years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, three years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100. Sentencing will be scheduled in approximately seventy-five days before the Honorable John Antoon II, United States District Judge.

According to the plea agreement, Love owned and operated Love's Gun and Pawn, a federally licensed firearms dealer in DeLand, Florida, since May 1986. From November 2003 through February 2004, Love sold handguns and rifles through his business to an undercover agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In each of the recorded transactions, Love provided the firearms to the undercover agent "off paper," referring to a situation where a licensed firearms dealer illegally sells firearms without having the purchaser complete either the mandatory federal background paperwork or criminal history check. After each transaction, Love willfully failed to record the purchaser's name, age and place of residence in his records as required by federal law,

telling the undercover agent, "There ain't no paperwork on them." Love's actions ultimately resulted in a federal search warrant of his business in February 2004. During the search warrant, Love admitted to agents that he had an additional 10-15 firearms in the business that had not been recorded in his records. As part of his guilty plea in the case, Love surrendered his federal license to sell firearms to representatives of ATF.

The case was investigated by the ATF's Orlando Field Office and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.

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